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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121 AND §372

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction imposed by the Office Action of September 18, 2006.

As understood, the claims have been determined to be distinct in accordance with the following groups and under 37 CFR 1.499.

Group I, claims(s) 1-3 and 8, drawn to methods of screening for compounds that impair SEC14 function.

Group II, claim(s) 4-7, drawn to modified eukaryotic cells expressing SEC14.

Group III, claim(s) 9-10 and 17, drawn to compounds that impair SEC14 function and pharmaceutical compositions comprising said compounds.

Group IV, claim(s) 11, drawn to Candida SEC14.

Group V, claim(s) 11, drawn to Aspergillus SEC14.

Group VI, claim(s) 14-16 and 18-22, drawn, in part, to methods of treatment of fungal infection by administering a SECl4 inhibitor.

Group VII, claim(s) 14-16 and 18-22, drawn, in part, to methods of prevention of fungal infection by administering a SECl4 inhibitor.

Applicants elect to prosecute herewith the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-3 and 8, without traverse.

Further and favorable action on the merits is courteously solicited.

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